

REMARKS

The Applicants request reconsideration of the rejection.

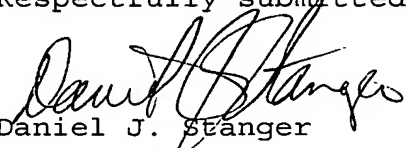
Claims 5-8 are pending.

Claim 8 was rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over Claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 6,434,153. Without admitting to the propriety of the rejection, the Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer to avoid the rejection.

The Examiner has indicated that Claims 5-7 are directed to allowable subject matter. Therefore, Claims 5-8 should now be in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing remarks and the accompanying Terminal Disclaimer, the Applicants request reconsideration of the rejection and allowance of the claims.

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